

May 10, 2006 Airport Commission Minutes

Chairman Schober called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m. Vice-chairman Crowley, Commissioner Bruce Secretary Richards and Commissioner Bluemke were present. Others present: Val Ramos, Airport Admin; Kurt Mueller, PLM Paving; Don Pieper, Marine Executive Hangar; Rodell L Singer, County Board Supervisor, Ray Perry, Citizen Tax Payer; Scott Marshall, Marine Executive Hangar; Mark A Lonkowski, Gerald Nell Inc; Chris Wodushek, Trajen; Karl Engelke, Marine Executive Hangar; Michael Neau, Airport Admin; and Keith Markano, Airport Manager.

Approve/modify minutes of March 8, 2006 – A motion to approve the minutes of March 8th was made by Vice-chairman Crowley with a second by Secretary Richards. The motion passed.

Public comment/correspondence – Supervisor Singert talked about the 10/28 project that was presented to Public Works last week. He said because of the refurbishing work to Hwy J that maybe this could be combined with the runway 10/28 safety area project. He also recommended that the County allow the purchase of the property along County Highway JJ.

Chairman's report – None

Airport Manager's report – Mr. Markano informed the Commission of the proposed hospital on the General Electric campus. The Airport received notification that a Determination of No Hazard had been approved for the site. Mr. Markano said this area is under the airport approach surface. He also said that the Bureau of Aeronautics did not receive information that this would be a hospital using electro magnetic fields. The electro magnetic field might interfere with the airport ILS. Mr. Markano will meet with Vice Chairman Crowley after today's meeting regarding this subject. The Commission was informed that the fixed base operator Trajen had been sold to Macquarie, the parent company of the Atlantic FBO chain. Corporation Counsel has all of the documents regarding this transaction. Regarding legislative items, Mr. Markano said that funding doesn't look very bright for airport assistance. Based on the President's proposed DOT budget, if approved, there would be a reduction of \$18 million from what the State usually received in funding and that general aviation entitlement might disappear. Currently there is a 2 cent tax on aviation fuel that goes to the highway trust fund, there is a movement by the various aviation "alphabet groups" to have that fuel tax deposited to the Aviation Trust Fund instead of highways. The EPA secondary containment act has been postponed to August of 2007. Also there is talk of instituting general aviation user fees to use ATC services. The airlines being cash strapped want general aviation to pay more into the system. There is nothing definite on this yet, and it will be monitored. The 18/36 Project bid opening was Thursday, May 8th. Corporation Counsel looked into the sanitary sewer issue for the SE area. Corporation Counsel does not think a sewer assessment can be charged without specific language in the lease agreement. There is not enough money to add sewer service to the 18/36 project being done this year. Regarding the HLZO, Skipper Bud's, on Silvernail Road, has requested to add a dry stack on their property. This structure is below the HLZO and should not pose a problem for the Airport. There will need to be some coordination for use of a crane during this construction.

Mr. Neau reviewed the fuel and traffic activity reports with the Commission. He reported that fuel prices have affected all of the Country.

Discussion and action on a request by Marine Executive Hangar (678 Northview-SE Hangar Area) to install a sewer/holding tank for their hangar – Mr. Pieper of Marine Executive addressed the Commission on this request. Mark, of Gerald Nell, was also available for questions from the Commission. The Marine Exec tenants and other tenants in the SE area are using a portable restroom. The cost to install a sewer line to the hangar will be \$50,000. All of the work will be paid for by the hangar tenants and they are not requesting any funding from the County. Commissioner Bluemke said it was desirable to have this

sewer line installed. A motion to approve the request by Marine Executive Hangar was made by Vice-chairman Crowley with a second by Secretary Richards. The motion passed.

Discussion and action on a request by Marine Executive Hangar (678 Northview-SE Hangar Area) to remove and replace the asphalt ramp and taxiway area around the hangar – Mr. Pieper of Marine Executive addressed the Commission. He said the asphalt is breaking up around the hangar area. They would like to remove the old asphalt in put in new asphalt. Mr. Markano spoke with Mead & Hunt about this area and was told it would not present a danger to other users in the SE area while this project was being done. The proper barricades and flashers will be used to alert users of the work in progress. A motion to approve the request by Marine Executive Hangar was made by Secretary Richards with a second by Commissioner Bruce. The motion passed.

Discussion and action for approval of conceptual hangar plans for 540 Northview Road by Ron Engelke – Karl Engleke presented revised drawings for the Commission to review. The plan is for a three-hangar unit on this lot oriented perpendicular to the other hangars along the taxiway. Mr. Markano said that the taxi lane object free area between the hangar door and the east lot line is thirty feet short. He also said there could be a wingspan conflict with the service road. Chairman Schober looked at the use of the access road and asked if there is anything that can be done to address this concern. Chairman Schober said the design for the proposed hangar was very nice. Chairman Schober said the Commission would work with the Engelke's to construct a hangar on this site. Commissioner Bluemke abstained from this item due to a conflict of interest because his hangar is on the lot next to the Engleke's. Mr. Markano will check with Corporation Counsel to see if this is considered a conflict of interest and report to the Commission at the next meeting. Secretary Richards asked if a site visit could be made to assist the Commission on this agenda item. No action taken at this time.

Discussion and action on Five Year Capital Project Plan – Mr. Markano addressed this item. Mr. Markano said the Runway 10/28 safety area project for 2007 using EMAS to satisfy the FAA requirements have been removed from the capital project plan. Instead the project will be initially submitted based on the declared distances alternative. The consultants are waiting for feedback from the FAA on several items there were questions on. Mr. Markano reviewed the Five Year Capital Project Plan with the Commission. Mr. Markano will be meeting with the Administration staff next week Thursday to review the plan. Vice-chairman Crowley made a motion for conceptual approval of the Five Year Capital Project Plan with a second by Commissioner Bluemke. The motion passed.

Discussion and action on repair of AWOS ceilometer (Automated Weather Observation Station) – Mr. Markano informed the Commission that replacement of the computer board is needed on the AWOS. We participate in a State program in which the State contracts for repairs of various sites in the state. State fund has been exceeded and there is currently no funding to cover this expense for airports. The repair cost is \$1,500 to \$2,000 (This dollar amount will be billed back to the Bureau of Aeronautics). We have been told this situation will be corrected as soon as possible. Since we do not have an operating ceilometer, 135 operations are affected. A motion to proceed with the AWOS repair was made by Secretary Richards with a second by Commissioner Bruce. The motion passed.

Future Commission agenda items - Homeland Security Program; Towers in airport vicinity.

A motion to adjourn was made by Secretary Richards with a second from Vice-chairman Crowley. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Next Commission Meeting: June 21, 2006

Respectfully submitted

Dick Richards
Secretary
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